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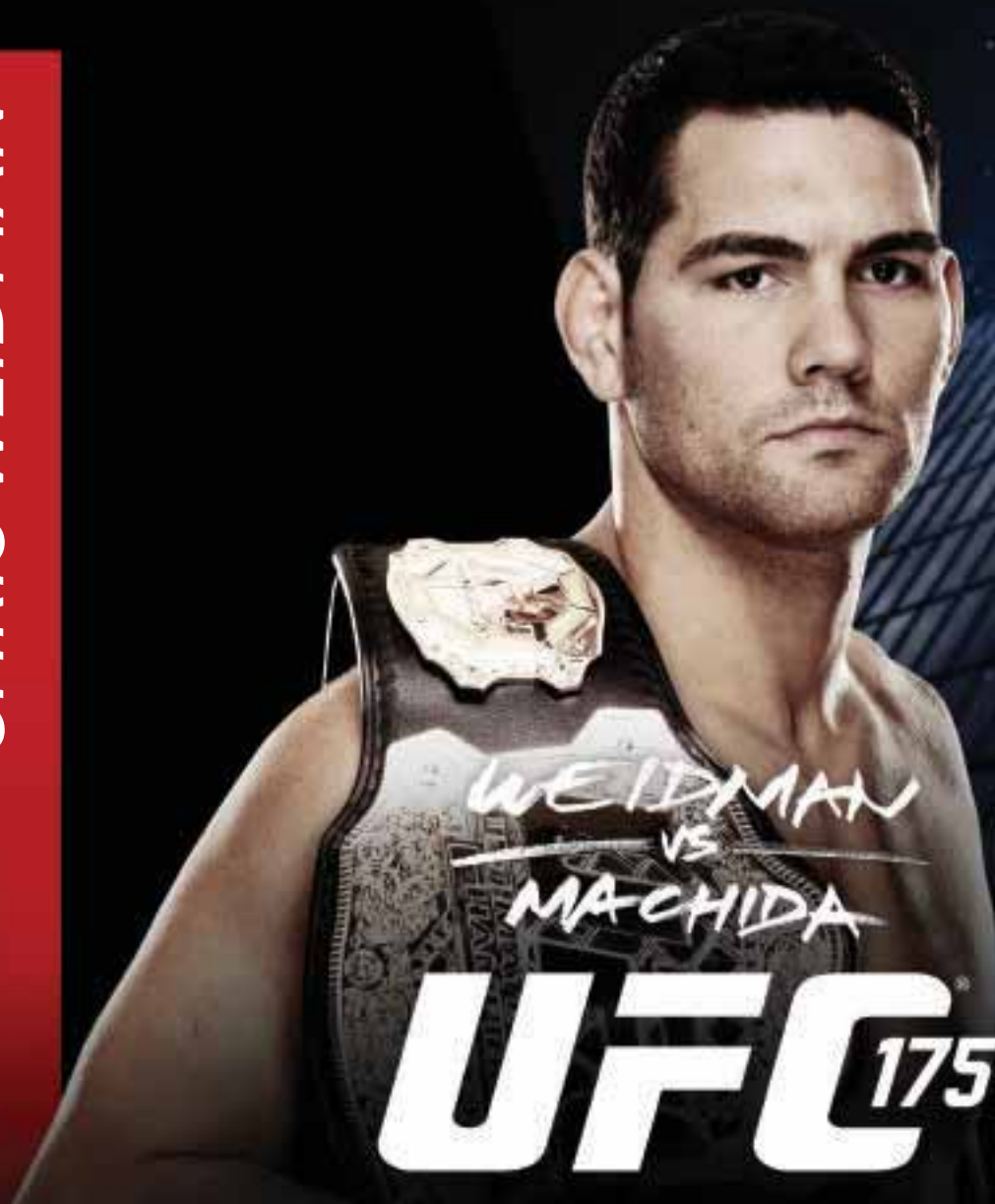
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## WELL DONE

**Here come the fireworks.** It's Fourth of July weekend, which means that the competition for the definitive Song of the Summer is really heating up. **Melting pot.** Despite the association with our American holiday, a surprising amount of the contenders aren't from the States. **Mix it up.** Invite all your friends over and crank these tunes at your barbecue. PAGE 12

The competitors for Song of the Summer are, from left, Iggy Azalea, Nicki Minaj, Ed Sheeran, Ariana Grande and Lil Jon.

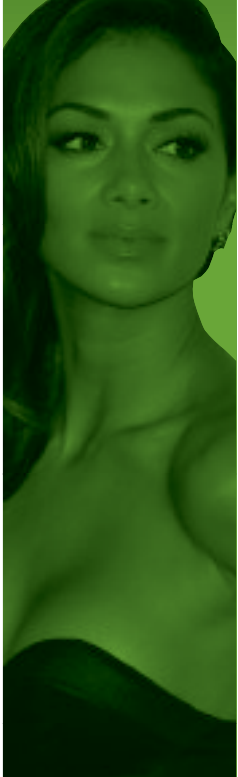


# 1 NEWS

## Today's tweet

"People in New York are complaining about how hot it is and I'm like you know nothing Jon Snow."

@becafarmer



## Top 3

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# NYC welcomes return of fireworks to East River

**Celebrate.** Since 2009, Macy's 4th of July Fireworks have been on the Hudson River.

New York City's fireworks show isn't just a West Side story this year.

For the first time since 2008, the nation's largest Fourth of July fireworks show will return to the East River on Friday.

Mayor Bill de Blasio said thousands more New Yorkers will have better access to the annual Macy's pyrotechnic display on the East Side. Some West Siders agreed.

"It's a loss for the Upper West Side, but I think it's a gain for more people in New York City," UWS Councilwoman Helen Rosenthal said.

Andrew Albert, executive director of the West Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, said businesses did very well when the show was on the Hudson. But that doesn't mean the change is bad for locals.

The return of Jersey City's own display will partially fill the void left by the move. Mass transit also provides easy access to the Macy's show.

"It's always something amazing to see," said Albert, who lives on the Upper West Side. He added, with a laugh: "But it means a trip down there."



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The fireworks return to the East River after a long absence. / GETTY IMAGES

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## Best views for the fireworks

Here's where you can get a front-row view of the action:

Get to the center of the action from both north and south of the Brooklyn Bridge. Enter from St. James Place and Pearl Street and Wagner Place.

You can enter at Montgomery and South streets in the Lower East Side.

Viewing from FDR Drive will be accessible from several points. Officials said Piers 15, 16 and 17 in the South Street Seaport are not public viewing areas.

Piers 1 through 6 are open for public viewing of the fireworks. You can enter on Old Fulton and Furman streets, Joralemon and Furman streets or Atlantic Avenue and Furman Street.

## Cloudy with a chance of freedom

### Rain expected for July 4

Rainy weather could threaten Fourth of July plans in New York City.

There is a chance for thunderstorms, rain and clouds throughout Thursday, according to the National Weather Service. On July 4, there is a possibility for a morning thunderstorm and a 60 percent chance of rain during the day.

ing the day.

The rain may let up in time for the Macy's fireworks display at 9 p.m. A Macy's spokesman said the fireworks can take place in the rain and have done so in the past.

In the event of severe weather such as lightning, Macy's will work with the city to determine if delaying the launch of the fireworks display is necessary.

## MTA holiday changes

Thousands of New Yorkers will use mass transit to get to and from Fourth of July celebrations.

- There will be extra railroad Thursday afternoon ahead of the long weekend, the MTA said.
- Subways, buses, the LIRR and the Staten Island Railway will operate on a Saturday schedule and Metro-North will operate

on a Sunday schedule this Friday.

- Before and after the Macy's fireworks display that night, there will be increased subway service on the 5, A, C, F, N and the 42nd Street shuttle.
- There will also be additional Metro-North trains and Staten Island Railway service as needed.

## Welcome home



"I'm glad it's at the East River now. My friend

has a rooftop near the Brooklyn Brewery and we might watch the fireworks from there."

Bill Moen, 31, Upper East Side



"My family has watched the fireworks for many

years. No matter what happens, we always watch the display, even if it's on television. It's wonderful and it only happens once a year. I live in Queens so it'll be much easier to go to the East River."

Gabriel Manzo, 66, Queens

## Leaving the west



"I'm excited that the city is moving

the show back to the East Side again. My grandfather's apartment overlooks the East River, so it's convenient and awesome."

Gabby Ouaknine, 24, Manhattan



"The city is being fair to both sides by

bringing the show back after 5 years on the west side. It doesn't really matter though; the main thing is that it's a great event for families."

Peter Strobel, 58, Manhattan



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## Investigation

## Sanitation truck strikes, kills woman

A woman died Wednesday after she ran after her dog and was struck by a

sanitation truck near her Manhattan home.

Authorities said Jacqueline Haeflinger, 58, was fatally struck by the garbage truck at 10 a.m. near her Chelsea apartment.

Reports said Haeflinger

was walking her pet Boston Terrier when the dog got loose and ran under the truck.

Haeflinger is said to have reached underneath the truck to recover the dog but was instead run

over by the truck as it backed into the street.

Emergency officials declared her dead at the scene. Police said that the dog, named Violet, was unharmed.

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## Cash. City cuts \$1.75B agreement with union

Almost a month after announcing an agreement with the city's teachers union, Mayor Bill de Blasio signed off on an agreement that covers 100,000 city workers.

De Blasio stood with District Council 37 Executive Director Lillian Roberts at City Hall on Wednesday to unveil a \$1.75 billion deal that would give its members — which includes park employees, lifeguards and library workers — three years of back pay and a bonus.

"We bargained hard, as did the administration, to reach this agreement, and we commend the Mayor for treating us with respect



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# Muslims have lots of iftar options in NYC for Ramadan

**Good food.** The meal heralds the end of a fast during the Muslim holy month.



Muslims in New York pray during the start of Ramadan. / GETTY IMAGES

This past Sunday marked the start of Ramadan, the holy month in which Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. As people get ready to celebrate the Fourth of July, restaurants and cultural centers are also preparing evening feasts for the Muslim community.

The Islamic Center New York University is offering a free iftar (the meal ending a fast) for the duration of Ramadan until July 28. The iftar is open to the public and includes a variety of cuisines such as Lebanese, South Asian and Moroccan.

For an authentic experience, the Turkish Cultural Center is connecting people with Turkish-American families who host the evening meal for guests. "It's our tradition to share the

Ramadan meal with other communities," said Oghuzan Turan, director, TCC. "The biggest problems come from miscommunication. We just want people to exchange traditions."

The iftar menu at Tanoreen, 7523 Third Ave. in Brooklyn, is back after taking off last year. Owner and chef, Rawia Bishara, is offering a plethora of middle-eastern dishes, including a \$29 special. Bishara serves a unique apricot drink for free. "It's soothing and calms the stomach after a day of fasting," she said.

### Where to go

- The Islamic Center NYU, Manhattan, www.nycramadan.com
- Turkish Cultural Center, Sunnyside, Queens, www.turkishculturalcenter.org
- Tanoreen, Brooklyn, www.tanoreen.com

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### Deadly

### Two arrested in homeless man beating case

Police arrested two brothers on Tuesday suspected in last month's deadly beating

of a homeless man who was asleep in front of a Bronx church.

The victim, 41-year-old Miguel Dirio, was reportedly sleeping on the steps of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church in University

Heights on June 16 when he was beaten to death.

Angel Monegro, 17, and Noel Martinez, 24, were both charged and arrested with manslaughter, police said.

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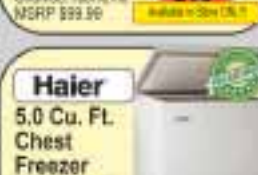
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# Violent video gamer but virtuous person

The violence often criticized in video games may actually be contributing to better behavior outside of the virtual realm.

A new study out of the University of Buffalo says the moral issues that confront players in a game can stick with them once they've stopped playing, creating a sense of awareness for the societal codes they violated.

"Rather than leading

players to become less moral, this research suggests that violent video game play may actually lead to increased moral sensitivity," Matthew Grizzard, who led the study,

said in a statement. "This may, as it does in real life, provoke players to engage in voluntary behavior that benefits others."

Grizzard and his team found that

instead of an illicit thrill, immoral behavior committed in a video game left the players feeling guilty in real life. That remorse made the players more sensitive to upholding the same moral codes they trampled on during gameplay.

"We suggest that pro-social behavior also may result when guilt is provoked by

virtual behavior," he said.

The study combined gaming with intuitive morality. Half of the 185 participants were asked to either recall a real event that would induce guilt or play a violent game as a terrorist. The other half recounted non-guilty scenarios and played the same game but as a U.N. soldier.

In the game, all the players were instructed to violate two of five moral issues: care/harm, fairness/

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reciprocity, in-group loyalty, respect for authority and purity/sanctity.

After playing the game or recalling the memories, subjects rated themselves on a guilt scale and filled out a moral foundations questionnaire.

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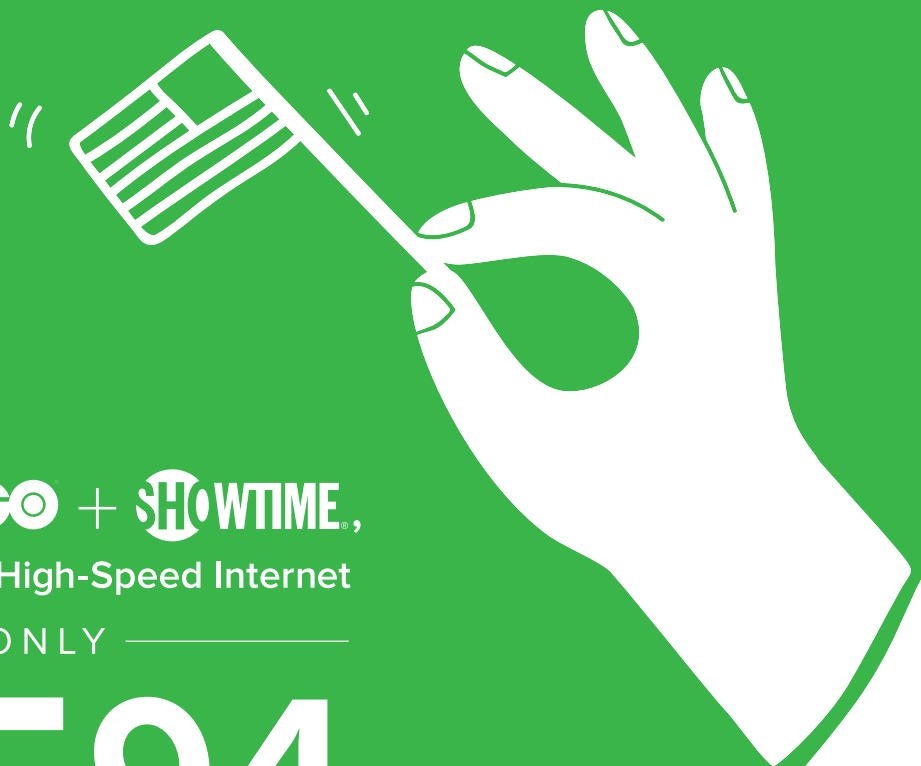




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# They're so fancy

These tunes have been sneaking into your consciousness for a couple of weeks. And as the season kicks into high gear this weekend, we get a read on what will be the hottest Song of the Summer.



Charli XCX, left, and Iggy Azalea are likely celebrating their coronation as the artists to have recorded the Song of the Summer. / GETTY IMAGES

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### 'Fancy'

Iggy Azalea featuring Charli XCX

### 'Problem'

Ariana Grande featuring Iggy Azalea

Just like Pharrell Williams in the summer of 2013, Iggy Azalea has her hands in two separate collaborations that are vying for the Song of the Summer title. "Fancy" pairs her with Charli XCX — who wrote a previous summer hit, Icona Pop's "I Love It" — for a super sing-along chorus and words that are the very stuff that Lorde successfully made fun of on last year's "Royals." And though "Problems" is a showcase for Ariana Grande, Iggy Azalea gets some good rhymes off. Big Sean gets an odd star turn here too, whispering "one less problem without you" against a deep sub-bass boom.

### 'Turn Down for What'

DJ Snake & Lil Jon

There are only 12 words in this song, said over and over in Lil Jon's inimitable voice.

### 'Sing'

Ed Sheeran

This red-haired Brit has out-JT'd Justin Timberlake with this something-for-everyone song.

He gets sultry against a jazzy acoustic strum, gives one of the catchiest "oh ohh ohh" choruses since Arcade Fire and he raps about weed and tequila, all in a charming accent.

### 'Talk Dirty'

Jason Derulo featuring 2 Chainz

Jason Derulo singing about lipstick stains on his passport, 2 Chainz using high school health class terms to rap about "international oral sex" and the snake charmer sax riff make for a combo so ridiculous that it could easily be mistaken for an Andy Samberg SNL Digital Short, which is also why it's awesome.

### 'Good Kisser'

Usher

Jason Derulo isn't the only one bragging about traveling the world and doing things with his mouth with the people he's met. Usher channels his inner Prince over a fat, stumbling bassline in this tune, which will inevitably segue into the Purple One's 1986



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summer hall of famer, "Kiss."

### 'Do It Again'

Royksopp & Robyn

No longer dancing on her own, our favorite Swedish nymph is now working with a pair of Norwegian producers who have given her material a colder edge.

### 'Money on My Mind'

Sam Smith

At first listen Sam Smith might sound like the type of act you'd laugh at on a local cable access talent show, but soon enough you'll be raving to your friends how Sam Smith is the male version of Adele.

### 'Summer'

Calvin Harris

Who'd've thunk a few years ago that DJs singing on their own songs would be a good thing? Though the title feels like an attempt to stage a coup on the Song of the Summer honor, there's something underneath the surface that hints at this season's temperance. The leaves turn brown and the subject of the song lied to the guy who once found love in a hopeless place.

### 'Come Get It Bae'

Pharrell Williams

Two-time 2013 Song of the

Summer champ Pharrell Williams tosses his oversized ranger hat into the ring for the 2014 title with this Earth, Wind and Fire-y follow-up to the spring's ubiquitous "Happy."

### 'Chandelier'

Sia

Sia sounds like Rihanna, if Rihanna could actually sing. She belts out the carpe diem chorus so strongly that it's guaranteed to inspire some off-key versions come "American Idol" tryouts.

### 'Pills N Potions'

Nicki Minaj

"Super Bass" was a 2011 contender for Song of the Summer and "Starships" was a dominating force on the charts in summer of 2012. This return is definitely a subdued effort, but it's summer and it's Nicki Minaj, so you need her on your mix.

### 'She Looks So Perfect'

5 Seconds of Summer

These punky poppers from Down Under singing about how hot a girl looks in American Apparel underwear are basically this summer's Hot Chelle Rae. You don't remember them? Exactly. That doesn't mean you can't dig it now.



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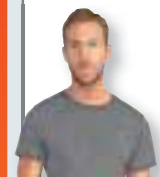
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5 SECONDS OF SUMMER



# Ebert goes to the movies

**Profile.** The doc on the late film critic will make you cry like a baby.

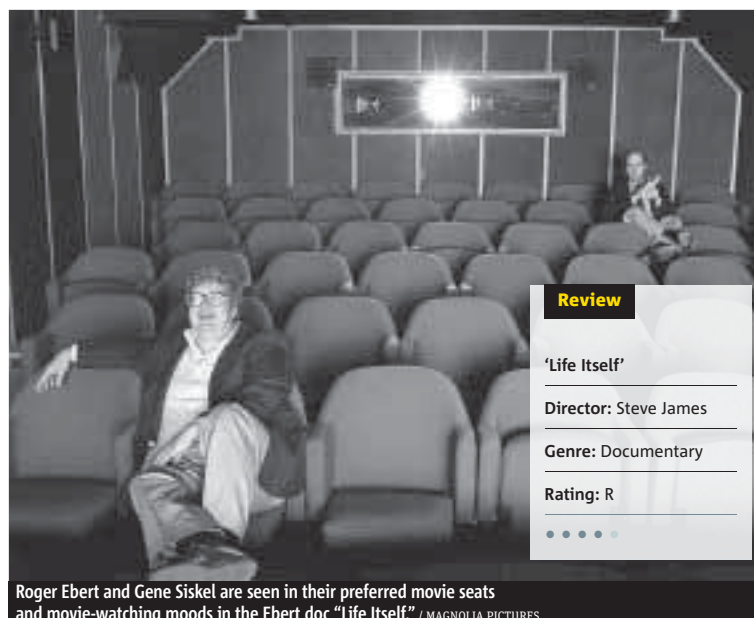
How does one review a film about the most famous film critic of all? The task would be harder if it wasn't very good. "Life Itself" is a documentary about the

late Roger Ebert and his final months before his passing last spring. Like Ebert's prolific writing, it makes its subject universal. As promised by its title, it's a downright cosmic look at existence even as it stays strictly personal.

The title comes from Ebert's memoir, as does much of its information and narration. In fact, the narration track may be the

film's most moving part. It trades in movie magic, restoring Ebert's speaking voice, which was lost when a chunk of his jaw was removed. Voice actor Stephen Stanton's impression of Ebert is so dead-on it's spooky, as if Ebert himself is guiding us through his life from beyond the grave.

Although the film covers Ebert's life in great detail and with a celebratory air, it's not afraid to delve into his lows. Chief among these are the '70s, when Ebert would wrap up the day's writing (done at a brisk pace despite the typewriter) and then head out for all-night drinking binges. This period is still shown as fun, but also as the kind of freewheeling living that eventually becomes a drag. Much more fulfilling for Ebert was his



Roger Ebert and Gene Siskel are seen in their preferred movie seats and movie-watching moods in the Ebert doc "Life Itself." / MAGNOLIA PICTURES

## Review

'Life Itself'

Director: Steve James

Genre: Documentary

Rating: R



## Thumbs up

### Partner in crime

Gene Siskel, too, gets his well-deserved due. Siskel was often seen as second fiddle to the more esoteric Ebert, but his sharpness and wit become newly evident here. He comes off as

a complicated figure when it's revealed that he hid his terminal illness even from his longtime TV co-star. It's also worth noting that the film's funniest part may be photos of the once-carousing Siskel hanging at the Playboy Mansion.

marriage, at 50, to Chaz, who now oversees his legacy and clearly seeks to breathe new life into film criticism — a profession on its last gasp, as far it being a living.

The director is Steve James, whose documentary "Hoop Dreams" was championed by Ebert 20 years back. James is work-

ing in a different register than usual, but he gets a lot out of toggling between straight-up exposition about Ebert's life and hanging with he and his wife, Chaz, as they prepare for the worst. These modern-day scenes have great power, observing as a materialist — who fully expected to return to the

nothing from which he came — grapples with the notion that his consciousness will soon disappear. These scenes, combined with his bravery in the face of his mortality, will make you cry like a baby.



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On July 6, 1964, a low-budget black-and-white English musical made on the quick — because it was assumed its stars were a waning fad — hit British screens. "A Hard Day's Night" was assumed to be another "jukebox musical," the term for the frivolous movies hot bands had been forced to do since the mid-'50s.

But its stars, The Beatles, never wanted it that way. The band teamed with United Artists, the studio legendary for granting filmmakers artistic freedom. They hired Richard Lester as the director, whose work had been in television, comedy and music. And so a movie that was bound to make money became beloved, even influential, as well.

"A Hard Day's Night," which didn't reach America till August of '64, has been dusted off again for its 50th, hitting theaters as well as store shelves in a souped-up set from The Criterion Collection.

A theater viewing is ideal for a movie this loud and euphoric, though it's

**Anniversary.** The Beatles' first film, called the "Citizen Kane" of jukebox musicals, runs back into movie theaters.



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a euphoria that sits beside despair. Screenwriter Alun Owen hung out with the band before filming, to prepare, and found them, as he put it, "prisoners of their own success." They're too young to be down, though, and their energy is matched by Lester's hyperactive style, which looks genuinely new.

It was almost too new: As United Artists exec David V. Picker has said, after he showed it to some Old Hollywood types, one exec said he had no idea what he'd just seen. But, he told him, "We're going to make a lot of money, aren't we?"



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### Fact box

- The budget was actually smaller than what it cost to record The Beatles' first album, "Please Please Me."
- George Martin, the band's storied producer, was nominated for an Oscar for the movie's score. He only wrote 47 seconds of music.
- Among the copious slang is one term invented by writer Alun Owen: "groty," short for grotesque. It's now in the dictionary.

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## Interview. Joel McHale plays with knives in 'Deliver Us from Evil'

Joel McHale wants everyone to know he can be a badass if need be. His latest film, the supernatural thriller "Deliver Us from Evil," is something of a departure for the "Community" star and "The Soup" host — and that's exactly why he did it. Well, that and he got to play with knives a whole bunch.

### You do handle yourself quite convincingly in the fight scenes.

Oh good. I worked my ass off to make sure that looked real. So many people have been like, "Was it hard going from comedy into drama?" No. It was hard learning to knife fight, to make it look real. My greatest concern was that if I looked slow or it looked amateur or anything like that then it would suck. I wanted it to look blindingly fast.

### Don't most cops pull a gun on suspects instead of a knife, though?



Joel McHale stretches out into dramatic horror in the exorcism saga "Deliver Us from Evil."

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Right, yes. But guns are no fun when you've got knives. My character is psychotic in that he prefers knives. He would much rather just stick you a couple of times. I think my character would probably be a criminal if he weren't in law enforcement.

**Wearing a Red Sox hat**

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#### How do you think the Correspondents' Dinner went?

Believe me, I was happy. I know that some critics didn't like it, other critics liked it. That crowd, they're going to be divided. Get this, they're going to be partisan. Boy, I had a ball doing it. And I got to freaking entertain the president of the United States. He seemed to like it, other than the drone strikes joke.

#### around the South Bronx is a sign of mental issues.

Yeah. I got s— walking around the set. But he does things just to agitate people. He likes to be contrary. That Boston Red Sox hat really informed the whole thing. He's like, "Yeah, I'm wearing this, what are you going to do?"

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## Rodriguez head over heels for Efron?

Zac Efron and Michelle Rodriguez are vacationing in Italy — and their friend, Italian entrepreneur Gianluca Vacchi, captured some of the fun on video during the weekend. Vacchi posted a video on Instagram where Rodriguez is standing upside down in a yoga pose, while a shirtless Efron (the best kind of Zac Efron) is looking at her hot body. We didn't even know Efron and Rodriguez were friends, but could the explanation be that they're lovers? It's an odd couple, but love works in mysterious ways, right?

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## Paula Patton hasn't listened to Robin Thicke's 'Paula'

I know I'm not the only one who thinks "Get Her Back" is kind of gross. I appreciate that Robin Thicke misses his ex-wife Paula Patton, but making a video of a Paula lookalike drowning in a skull mask before flashing the words "This is

just the beginning" is unlikely to get you anything but a restraining order.

Luckily, there's one person who hasn't experienced the full weight of Robin Thicke's creepy take on romance: Paula Patton! "I don't think she

wants to hear it right now," Thicke told Hot 97. "I can't speak for her, but I think space is an important part of any healing process."

I imagine there's not much that would hurt Thicke more than refusing to listen to him croon about you.

Patton is making sure that their healing process is spacious indeed — in addition to refusing to listen to his music, she and Thicke haven't seen each other in four months.

That must take some work, since they share a 4-year-old son. Maybe they pass him back and forth wearing blindfolds — and, for Patton, earplugs, in case of any crooning sneak attacks.

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### Talking point

## When will 'Sherlock' return?

The mystery surrounding the BBC's "Sherlock" is always "When is 'Sherlock' coming back?" The startlingly free-form broadcast schedule is arbitrary enough to give us poor Yanks an ulcer. But at last we know: "Sherlock" will resume shooting in January 2015, and three new episodes and a one-off special will air. Eventually.



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# Online dating is a dirty little lie: Part 2

Like some people you meet online, Internet dating isn't all it's cracked up to be. Here's part two of my investigation into what really happens in the realm of online dating.

## A predatory environment

If you think your night club is the quintessential "meat market," you ain't seen nothin' yet. The online dating world is fraught with pick-up artists. I interviewed 50 men who use online dating sites to meet women. Here's a sample:

**From G.S. in New York:** "Maybe they want

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a relationship, so I tell them I want one, too. ... It doesn't matter what I say, because once I get in there, I probably won't see her again."

**From E.B. in Chicago:** "It usually only takes me a short email to get her interested. From there, I just pour on the charm. A smile, a little shy attitude over coffee, and she's mine."

This type of man tends to send emails out to lots of women — with the end goal of having sex.

**Up:** After a mother in Ottawa, Canada, was scolded by a customer for nursing her baby inside a Starbucks, a young male barista came to her defense.

**Down:** World Cup Sex Ban. Bosnia, Russia, Chile and Mexico were all under orders not to have sex during the World Cup — and they are all out of the running.

## Consider the financial operations of online dating sites

The business of online dating is business, not love. Don't say I didn't warn you.

The longer a dating site can keep you unmatched, the more it can profit.

My opinion? Any time you put people on one side, and the potential of love on the other, you will find someone in their greedy little paws out. (See more about this to the right.)

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#### Brooklyn

You can see the post-game fireworks at MCU Park this Friday and Saturday from the boardwalk and beach at Coney Island. First pitch 6 p.m.; tickets \$10 and up. 1904 Surf Ave.

#### Staten Island

Richmond County Bank Ballpark. First pitch at 7 p.m.; tickets \$10 and up. 75 Richmond Ter.

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## Recette

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#### Pig roasts

## Sotto 13

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#### Block party

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#### On the water



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## Fornino

You can't get much more front row than Brooklyn Bridge Park, where this pizza joint will be serving unlimited grub from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. for \$75

(drinks not included). Take your plates up to the roof for the big show set against the Manhattan skyline. Pier 6, Brooklyn Bridge Park, 718-422-1107

brunch going all weekend, but Friday's pig roast will add dishes like slow-roasted porchetta, pulled pork hash and Patty's Pork Plate, with plantains and avocados. 140 W. 13th St., 212-647-1001

## Paulaner

Friday's other big event is the World Cup quarterfinals, which will be on every TV in the Bavarian restaurant and brewery. If a bratwurst burger isn't quite traditional enough for you, Friday's BeerBQ Fest includes a shareable plate of roast suckling pig and housemade pork sausages with coleslaw. 265 Bowery, 212-780-0300

#### Food with a view

## Spyglass

The Archer Hotel's new rooftop

#### Festive fare



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bar is barely old enough in days to drink legally, but you certainly can, with indoor and outdoor seating and cocktails like You Look Smashing that echo the '50s vibe. As a David Burke Group property, you'll be well served by the shareable plates. 47 W. 38th St., 212-719-4100

## Hotel Chantelle

A Made in America rooftop party sounds like the proper way of celebrating our country. The \$15 ticket includes a cocktail, but don't miss the liquor-infused snow cones. Electric Gentleman spins hit tunes under the Parisian-inspired canopy — catch the fireworks without getting rained on here. 92 Ludlow St., 212-254-9100

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The two-hour journey took passengers on the 85-year-old Newport-style

schooner yacht on a scenic tour around lower Manhattan. The river breeze on the sail was the perfect way to cool off on a hot day, and even natives can't resist posing for photos with the Statue of Liberty in the background.

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### Fourth on a boat

Instead of jockeying for space along the East River, get a front-row seat on one of these harbor cruises.

- The Clipper City Tall Ship is having a barbecue and an open bar with themed cocktails. Battery Park, 5:30-10 p.m.; \$350 adults, \$275 kids (under 12); [www.manhattanbysail.com](http://www.manhattanbysail.com)
- Circle Line's "fun and casual" cruise has an à la carte menu and a DJ. Pier 83, 6:30-11 p.m.; \$125+tax

- Gussy up your evening with a World Yacht cruise. A five-course dinner menu and premium open bar set the stage for the main event. Pier 81, 6-11 p.m.; \$249+taxes
- See the show from the roof deck of NYC's first floating lobster shack (or if it's raining, watch from the windows on two additional levels). The buffet dinner features a traditional lobster bake and standard open bar. Pier 81, 6-11 p.m.; \$250+taxes

# Drink like a proud American

Indulge in these red, white and blue cocktails for a festive Fourth. All of the true patriots will be known by their slightly uneven gaits and vaguely purple teeth this weekend. (But seriously: Drink responsibly. And maybe bring mouthwash.) **T. MICHELLE MURPHY**

## RED

### American Harvest Firecracker

(Courtesy of American Harvest)

#### Ingredients:

- 1.5 oz. American Harvest vodka
- .75 oz. lemon juice
- .75 oz. Concord grape syrup (see below)
- Soda water

#### Instructions:

Combine equal parts Concord grape juice and sugar in a large container and shake until dissolved. In a shaker, combine all liquid except the soda. Add ice and shake well. Strain into a Collins glass full of fresh ice. Top with soda and gently stir. Garnish with a lemon slice.



## WHITE



### Polar Bear

(Courtesy of Naren Young)

#### Ingredients:

- 1.5 oz. Pierde Almas Puritita mezcal
- 1 oz. Dolin Blanc vermouth
- .5 oz. Tempus Fugit white creme de menthe
- 3 dashes Angelica tincture

#### Instructions:

Shake hard and double strain in a Nick & Nora glass. Garnish with star anise and lemon twist (which should then be discarded).

## BLUE

### Aviation

(Courtesy of Kingside)

#### Ingredients:

- .75 oz. lemon juice
- .5 oz. Creme de Violette
- .5 oz. Maraschino liqueur
- 2 oz. Bombay Sapphire gin

#### Instructions:

Combine ingredients, shake and serve in a martini coupe. Garnish with three bourbon-soaked cherries on a bamboo pick.



## BONUS

### Purple Haze

(Courtesy of Whiskey Blue New York)

Crafty mixologists may go for the trifecta with this drink that, if layered correctly, will offer red, white and blue hues in one glass. Impressive, but it's actually not very difficult to make.

#### Ingredients:

- 1.5 oz. Stoli Orange
- .5 oz. Creme de Violette
- .75 oz. pink grapefruit juice
- .5 oz. lemon juice
- .25 oz. simple syrup Champagne

#### Instructions:

Shake with ice; strain into a highball glass. Let the drink settle. Top with Champagne, and garnish with an orange peel.



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**Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** Now is a good time to investigate jobs. An online posting or employment agency will show you how to improve your resume.

**Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Very few can keep up with you. Your energy level is high. Focus on things that will bring improvements to different areas of your life.

**Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** Someone may be trying to conceal the truth. If you believe everything you hear, you are likely to end up in a bad situation.

**Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.** Your powers of persuasion will help you make a positive impact and benefit a cause that you feel passionate about.

**Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.** There may be a lot of tension in the air. Be smart and stay out of the line of fire until things settle down. Conflict will lead to a no-win situation.

**Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.** Sharing your vision will bring a positive outcome. Those who were initially reluctant to join your team will be won over.

**Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.** Health problems will arise if you don't handle stress and physical activity with care. Lack of sleep and poor eating choices will have a negative effect.

**Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.** Learn to be more accepting. Face the facts that circumstances will change. Roll with the punches and show a good attitude.

**Aries | March 21-April 20.** Identify areas in your life to improve. Once you share your ideas, you will have no trouble finding means to execute them.

**Taurus | April 21-May 21.** You can form a closer bond with someone special by including romance in your conversation. Plan an intimate event or activity.

**Gemini | May 22-June 20.** Someone will try to discredit you. If you have reservations, follow up on your suspicions, but be discreet to prevent meddling.  
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### Sudoku: Easy and hard

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**How to play**  
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

### Letters

## Pursuit of pleasure not protected

**Re: 'Doctor says Hobby Lobby case amounts to a 'tax' ...' (Metro, July 2)** Dr. Rubin asks what will be the end result of cutting abortion and contraception access. Less casual sex and more committed relationships, if not more marriage, perhaps? While some women may rely on birth control for health reasons other than pregnancy prevention or termination, this is not the type of health care employers are conscientiously concerned about. Besides, while freedom of religion is a federally recognized and protected right, freedom to have sex without consequences is a right no one can grant to anyone.  
**JUSTIN DOBBS, VIA EMAIL**

## Compromise is not a sin

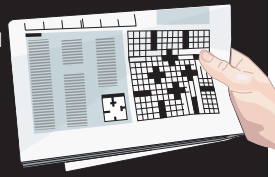
**Re: 'Don't give 'em an inch' (Metro, June 30)** Chuck Fazio has fallen for the fallacy that there can be no gun legislation, at all, without the infringement of Second Amendment rights. This is simply not the case and ignores the spirit of the original law. Perhaps if gun rights advocates stopped parroting the positions of the gun manufacturers, we could pass some useful legislation. "Uncompromising" is not a compliment — it is a curse.  
**BRIAN MURRELL, VIA EMAIL**

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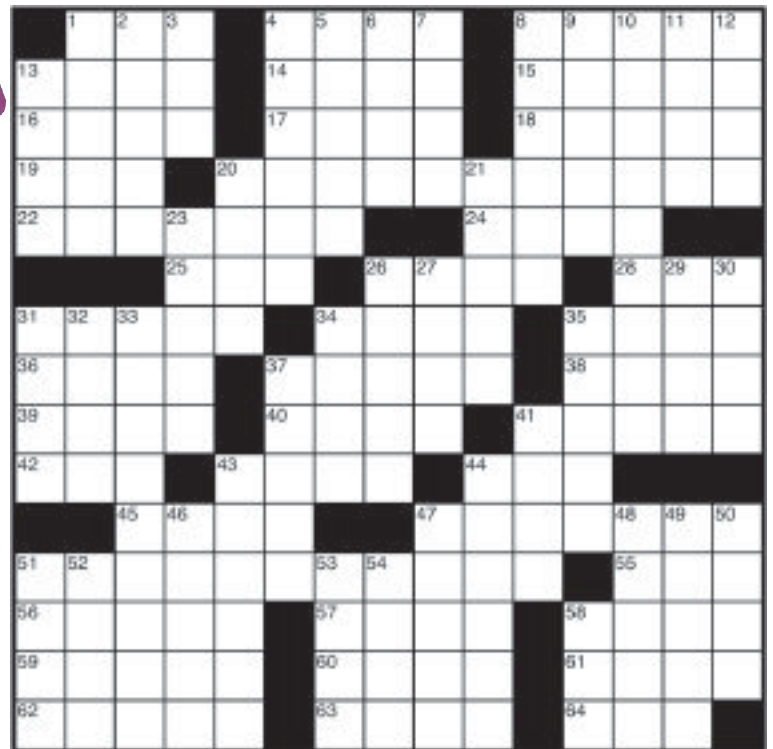
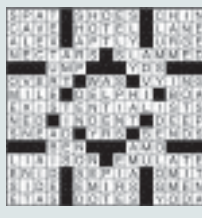
- 1 Casual farewell
- 4 Deposed ruler
- 8 Half a sawbuck
- 13 Orange skin
- 14 Traditional stories
- 15 "South Pacific" Frenchman
- 16 Out loud
- 17 Food additive
- 18 Magazine stands
- 19 Bruins' ice great
- 20 Astound
- 22 Crab —
- 24 Big bucks?
- 25 Graceful tree
- 26 Particle
- 28 Corporate ending
- 31 Thick board
- 34 — it (walk)
- 35 Give off steam
- 36 Type of wolf
- 37 Keep in stock
- 38 "Eva —" (Allende book)
- 39 Swelled heads
- 40 Whisper loudly
- 41 Shaggy bovine
- 42 Benedictine title
- 43 Withered
- 44 Jollity
- 45 Thin Man's dog
- 47 Strangest
- 51 Theaters, now
- 55 Sign of content

#### Down

- 1 Oft-quoted catcher
- 2 Pine
- 3 Bracket type
- 4 Downhill event
- 5 "Crocodile Dundee"
- 6 Spirited steed
- 7 Spearmint or basil
- 8 Trendy pet
- 9 PR matter
- 10 Kind of thrills
- 11 Taiga denizens
- 12 Quit working
- 13 Third-rate
- 20 Pete Seeger's music
- 21 Uplift spiritually
- 23 They may be spliced
- 26 More than bad
- 27 — d'oeuvres
- 29 El — (ocean current)
- 30 Plaid wearers

- 31 Responded in court
- 32 Trademark
- 33 Aberrations
- 34 "Aquarius" musical
- 35 Deli crepes
- 37 Low-cost
- 41 Prickly seedcases
- 43 Smells awful
- 44 Antenna
- 46 Hearty entree
- 47 Napoleon's fate
- 48 Painter's device
- 49 Travels by water
- 50 One of those
- 51 Pole on a ship
- 52 Wrist bone
- 53 Fasten a shoe
- 54 Plenty, to a poet
- 58 Homer Simpson's dad

#### Wednesday's answer





# Betances makes push for All-Star selection

**MLB.** The Yankees relief pitcher is a surprise candidate with the All-Star selections coming Sunday night.

Dellin Betances has 76 strikeouts while fanning 69 different hitters in his first 48 innings as a late-inning reliever.

And since the rosters for the All-Star team are revealed Sunday (7 p.m., ESPN) it's natural to think the pitcher who grew up on the Lower East Side and Washington Heights and was drafted by the Yankees out of Williamsburg's Grand Street Campus in 2006 might be there.

"I'd be honored," Betances said. "You're talking about guys that you grew up watching, unbelievable players. I haven't really thought too much about it but I'd be honored."

Among the players Betances might be joining is David Ortiz. Ortiz, in his own colorful way paid compliments to Betances



Betances' 1.50 ERA is second-lowest in the majors among pitchers who have thrown at least 40 innings. / GETTY IMAGES

when asked about Ortiz's comment. "When a guy like that says something like that, that's an honor. It's somebody who've I've always watched, especially [when I was] younger and that means a lot. I'm just trying to go out there and do my job to the best ability that I can."

Betances has a strikeout ratio of 14.25 per nine innings over 35 relief outings and 60 of his last 112 outs have come via strikeout. Those type of numbers are drawing comparisons to Mariano Rivera in 1996.

"If you want a big strikeout, if you want a guy to come in the middle of an inning and get people out, he's pretty good at it," manager Joe Girardi said. "He's done a tremendous job and he's a reliever that obviously you can use multiple innings."



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Sometimes you get in extra-inning games that can be pretty important too."

A year ago, Betances had a 10.80 ERA in six appearances for the Yankees.

"I've learned a lot from talking to [David] Robertson and Mariano last year, and the more and more I get to pitch, the more comfortable I felt," Betances said.

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## Rays 6, Yankees 3

### Yankees swept by Tampa Bay

The Yankees' struggles continued with a 6-3

loss to Rays Wednesday. They've lost five in a row and are under .500 (41-42) for the first time since April 11.

Brett Gardner led off with a home run, but Vidal Nuno allowed four runs in five innings to drop to 2-5 on the season. **METRO**

## Over the hill?

### Stephen Hill doesn't hear the critics, expects big season

According to conventional wisdom, this is Stephen Hill's last summer with the Jets.

Hill was a second-round pick three years ago and heralded by the team's fan base as a diamond in the rough. He came out of the triple-option offense at Georgia Tech where he didn't see the ball much, but he had raw tools to develop. After two years, including a rookie season marred by bad drops and some even worse route running, fans were through with him.

The addition of pricey



HILL HAD 24 CATCHES IN 12 GAMES LAST SEASON, BUT ONLY ONE TOUCHDOWN. GETTY IMAGES

free agent Eric Decker this offseason — along with Jacoby Ford and three draft picks at receiver — means the writing appears to be on the wall for Hill.

"It's not frustrating," Hill told Metro. "I didn't know I've been getting that [criticism]. I don't. [I] didn't know that. The thing is about it, I don't understand it. The way it's written, it's written how it's written, but I really don't bother with it. I just go out there and do what I got to do."

Hill was praised as taking the next step in training camp a year ago. The coaching staff talked about his improvements, and how the injuries that plagued him his rookie season were a thing of the past. He had more catches in 2013, but

went through a three-week drought with no receptions, and his season ended early with a knee injury.

Hill says he's better heading into this season. He's worked on refining his game. There's been no indications from the staff he's out of favor, he says.

"I learned from the mistakes I made last year," Hill said. "I've spent the past year clearing those things up."

"[I am] making sure my routes are polished, cleaned up. [I am] learning to read certain things — looking at [defensive backs] and seeing what they see, understanding what they're reading. I'm guessing, I'm not sure, but I'm guessing [the coaches are] pleased. I haven't heard anything negative. At least not yet."

KRISTIAN DYER

# 3

SPORTS



Blast off

### Texas pitches Anthony

Carmelo Anthony's free agency tour swung into Houston early Wednesday for a meeting with the Rockets. The delegation included James Harden and Dwight Howard. He was scheduled to travel to Dallas to meet with them last night. He meets with the Lakers Thursday.

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## FANTASY

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Young players are a huge part of the tanking movement currently going on in the NBA. Not only do teams give their prized (yet raw) assets experience, but they also lose games and acquire future high draft picks in the process.

It leads to rookies getting more playing time and usage rates than they often deserve. We saw it last year as Michael Carter-Williams rode the Sixers' up-tempo style and lack of surrounding talent to Rookie of the Year honors. These players drafted last week will have instant impacts on fantasy leagues.

### Parallel Parker

Always this class' most NBA-ready player offensively, Jabari Parker lands in one of the most fantasy-friendly situations.



Parker has been compared to Carmelo Anthony since his time in high school.

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The Bucks are desperate for a "face of the franchise" type, allowing guys like Brandon Knight, Larry Sanders and Giannis Antetokounmpo to be role players. At 6-foot-8 and 235 pounds with a smooth mid-range jumper and rugged ability to finish near the rim, Parker is a near lock to lead rookies in scoring. Expect a season like Carmelo Anthony's rookie campaign: 21 points, 6.1 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 0.8 3-pointers per game.

### Little Elf

We can see what the Magic are doing very clearly. They traded away Arron Afflalo and waived Jameer Nelson, paving the way for their backcourt of the future: Elfrid Payton and Victor Oladipo. Both players will have tons of breakout appeal, but Payton figures to come at a fraction of the price because he's such an unknown. We do know that at Louisiana-Lafayette, Payton averaged 21.4 points, 6.7 rebounds, 6.6

assists and 2.3 steals last season.

### Purple Julius

We're still not sure if the Lakers will re-sign Pau Gasol or somehow lure Anthony to join Kobe Bryant for one last run. But no matter what, they're going to need Julius Randle to start and do a lot of dirty work. There's 12-point, 10-rebound appeal here.

*Metro does not endorse the opinions of the author.*

### MLB pickups

Grab these guys off the waiver wire now:

- **Taijuan Walker, SP, Pirates** — He's a 21-year-old future No. 2 behind Felix Hernandez, with 18

Ks in 21 MLB innings.

- **Jesse Hahn, SP, Padres** — Now 4-1 with a 1.95 ERA and 36 strikeouts in five starts. Petco works wonders for pitchers.

- **Santiago Casilla, RP, Giants** — Casilla and Jeremy Affeldt will share the closing duties for San Francisco while Sergio Romo is licking his wounds.

## Lionel king



Lionel Hollins last coached the Grizzlies in 2013, when they lost to the Spurs in the Western Conference finals. / GETTY IMAGES

## Brooklyn signs Hollins to be next head coach

The Nets have agreed to a deal with Lionel Hollins one day after Nets general manager Billy King indicated the former Grizzlies head coach was their top choice to replace Jason Kidd.

Hollins will take over as head coach of a team in salary cap hell already a few days into this season's free-agent bargaining window. While deals cannot be officially signed until July 10, free agents such as the Wizards' Marcin Gortat and the Nets' own Shaun Livingston have already agreed to deals.

### By the numbers

## \$88M

The Nets have \$88,524,090 in salary committed to 2014-15, so they can only sign minimum and mid-level exception deals.

Livingston will reportedly leave for Golden State on a three-year contract.

ESPN reports Hollins' deal with Brooklyn will be for as many as four years and \$20 million including options — \$9.5 million more than Kidd was being paid.

Knicks head coach Derek Fisher received a five-year, \$25 million deal last month, an amount which reportedly angered Kidd. **METRO**

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